

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Arch Wireless, Inc. and Paging Network, Inc. for Approval to Transfer Control of Paging Network, Inc. and Its California Operating Subsidiary, Paging Network of America, Inc., to Arch Wireless, Inc.

Application 00-11-057
(Filed November 15, 2000)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

This application was filed on November 15, 2000. It sought approval under Sections 851 through 854 of the Public Utilities Code of the transfer of control of Paging Network of America, Inc. (PageNet), a reseller of interexchange telephone services, to Arch Wireless, Inc. Both PageNet and Arch Wireless were primarily paging carriers operating under licenses granted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The resold interexchange services that were the subject of this application were ancillary to PageNet's paging service and were used by some 3,000 of PageNet's subscribers. At the time of application, PageNet and its parent company were in bankruptcy, and the merger transaction had become the formal bankruptcy plan presented to the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

In addition to seeking approval of the transfer of control, the parties sought retroactive approval of a 1998 pro forma change in ownership in one of PageNet's affiliates. Applicants stated that, inadvertently, the Commission was not advised that Paging Network of Los Angeles, Inc., had been merged into Paging Network of America, Inc., as part of a corporate restructuring.

While an order dealing with this application was prepared soon after the filing, it was not acted upon because the Commission at the time was reexamining its policy with respect to requests for retroactive approval of a change in utility control.

The Commission now is ready to act upon this application. Because of the passage of time, however, this Ruling asks the parties for more current information. Specifically, parties are asked to advise me (1) whether the parties continue to seek the Commission authorizations requested in November 2000; (2) whether the authorizations requested should be modified to take note of changed circumstances, or (3) whether Bankruptcy Court proceedings or other actions have made the application moot.

Parties are asked to respond by letter, either individually or collectively, within 30 days of the date of this ruling.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Within 30 days of the date of this ruling, parties in Application (A.) 00-11-057 are directed to advise the Commission (1) whether the parties continue to seek the Commission authorization requested in A.00-11-057; (2) whether the authorization requested should be modified to take note of changed circumstances, or (3) whether the application is now moot.

2. A formal filing is not necessary. Parties may respond, either individually or collectively, by letter addressed to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge.

Dated March 27, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GLEN WALKER
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Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requesting Additional Information on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 27, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.